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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO  
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Invention Title  
**ALPHA LIPOIC ACID BASE FOOD SUPPLEMENT  
FOR INCREASING LEAN MUSCLE MASS AND  
STRENGTH**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for entry in the above-identified application:

1. Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the office action dated July 5, 2001, for which a response period expiring on October 5, 2001 was set. The extended period expires on January 5, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of **\$460.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
2. No additional claim fees are believed due.
3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**:
  - A. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16;
  - B. Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
  - C. Any additional patent issue fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18;

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- D. Any additional document supply fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.19;
  - E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
  - F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.
4. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Dated: January 4, 2002

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